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# A Solid Waste Vocabulary

The solid waste industry has a language all its own. Sometimes, as public employees, we forget that the rest of the world speaks plain English. Here are some of the things you may hear us talk about and what they really mean:

**Aseptic packaging:** Specially designed containers (often called "juice boxes") that allow you to store certain perishables at room temperature until they are opened, such as juice and soy milk. They are recyclable in your curbside bin!

**Chipboard:** A flat cardboard, such as that used to make cereal boxes and notebook covers. This is considered mixed paper and it CANNOT be placed in your curbside bin.

**Office paper:** Lots of different paper types may be used in an office. But when we say that you may place "office paper" in your

curbside recycling bin, we are ONLY talking about standard ream paper that is used in printers and copiers. It does not include notebook paper, notepad paper, envelopes, folders, business cards, brochures, junk mail, construction paper, or any other "mixed" paper.

**Mixed paper:** This includes all paper types, including phone books and chipboard. We have three permanent mixed paper drop-off sites: the City's Waste Disposal & Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Blvd. (call 919-560-4611 for Center hours), the Festival Shopping Center at 3457 Hillsborough Rd., and TFC Recycling at 1017 S. Hoover Rd. (last two sites are accessible 24 hours a day). Mixed paper can also be dropped off at the *Waste Less Fests* (see Page 4 for 2004 schedule).

**Plastic bottles:** Though this may seem obvious, it is one of the largest sources of confusion in our curbside recycling program. You may only place plastic BOTTLES marked with #1, 2, 5, or 7 in your curbside bin. If it is not shaped like a bottle, it CANNOT be recycled, regardless of the number marked on the plastic container. This means **NO** yogurt containers, margarine tubs, or peanut butter jars can be recycled. Bottles are containers where the neck is smaller than the base, regardless of the shape. For example, plastic detergent bottles often have strange curves and shapes. But as long as they have a neck skinnier than the bottom, they are considered bottles and can be placed in your curbside bin.

**Save the Date!** The 2004 Durham Earth Day Festival will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 at a new location, Durham Central Park. Visit [www.durhamearthday.org](http://www.durhamearthday.org).

## Christmas tree collections available January 5-23

From January 5 to 23, all residents may place their Christmas trees at the curb. They will be collected at no charge and brought to the City's compost facility to be recycled. Trees larger than 8 feet in height must be sawed in half. Please make sure that ALL the decorations have been removed. A small amount of tinsel may not seem like much, but when you multiply that small amount by the over 61,000 households in Durham, it sure accumulates. Trees that have been completely sprayed with fake snow ("flocked") will not be recycled. These trees will be removed by the solid waste collection crews.

Christmas trees may also be dropped off at the City's Waste Disposal & Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Boulevard, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon, at no charge until January 30, 2004. Any trees delivered after that date will be subject to the usual disposal fees.

If you are the manager of a multi-family complex such as apartments or town homes, there needs to be a designated spot (Clustered Collection Site) where all residents MUST place their trees and you must call Josephine Valencia at 919-560-4185, ext. 252 to arrange for collection.

Usted puede poner su árbol de Navidad en el bordillo de la acera enero 5-23, sin ninguna carga. Todas decoraciones se deben quitar. Los árboles más grande de 8 pies se deben ser serruchados en la mitad. Si usted vive en un complejo como un apartamento o condominio, pregunta a su director donde poner los árboles. Ellos no serán reunidos de cada puerta.

Por favor no ponga las guías telefónicas viejas en su caja de reciclaje. Hasta febrero 15 usted las pueda traer a: Festival Shopping Center - 3457 Hillsborough Rd, Northgate Mall - atrás de la tienda Office Max, South Square - atrás de la tienda Firestone, Woodcroft Shopping Center - Hope Valley & Hwy 54, y al Centro de Reciclaje de la Ciudad - 2115 East Club Blvd. Y recuerde, las guías telefónicas son papel mezclado y se pueden traer a los *Waste Less Fests*.

## Frequently Asked Questions

*What's my collection schedule if I live in the County?*

The City of Durham does not provide any service outside its city limits. For more information on solid waste and recycling within the County limits, call the County General Services Department at 919-560-0430 or visit [www.co.durham.nc.us](http://www.co.durham.nc.us).

*My garbage cart was stolen. What should I do?*

A police incident report is required before we will issue a replacement cart at no charge. There will be a replacement charge in cases of multiple thefts.

*My recycling bin is broken or missing. What should I do?*

Call our office to arrange a replacement.

*Help, I have too much recycling!*

What a great problem to have! You can buy additional recycling bins at our office (1833 Camden Ave.) for \$5 each (checks only). Or you can simply use any sturdy, but lightweight, container such as a laundry basket for excess recyclables. Please do not place recyclables in a cardboard box.

*My recycling is too heavy. How do I get it to the curb?*

Consider buying a RecycleMate™ cart to help wheel your bin to the curb. RecycleMate™ carts are available from our office for \$14.95 (checks only).



**RecycleMate™ in action**

*My recycling/garbage/yard waste was missed. Who do I call? When will it be picked up?*

Call our office to report a missed collection, and leave the items at the curb. The missed items will be collected as soon as possible. Remember that these items must be at the curb by **7 a.m.** on your collection day.

*Do you collect recyclables from businesses, schools, town homes, etc.?*

Curbside recycling collection is tied directly to curbside roll-out cart collection. If you have a city-owned roll-out trash cart, you are eligible for curbside recycling service. If not, the LAW REQUIRES that you make private recycling arrangements. Check our website or the yellow pages for a list of private recycling contractors in the area. If you are a customer of the City's stationary container program, you are entitled to a free weekly collection of cardboard. You must provide your own dumpster or pay the standard rental fees for the cardboard dumpster.

## WINTER PHONE BOOK DRIVE

The City of Durham's Department of Solid Waste Management and TFC Recycling will sponsor a phone book recycling drive (phone books are NOT accepted in your curbside recycling bin):

**Through February 15, 2004**

Bring your old phone book to one of the following Durham Recycling Drop-off Centers (look for the large green collection containers at these parking lot sites):

**Festival Shopping Center**  
3457 Hillsborough Rd., next to Kroger

**Firestone at South Square**  
corner of University and Westgate Drives  
(behind Firestone)

**Northgate Mall**  
off Guess Rd., behind Office Max

**Waste Disposal & Recycling Center**  
2115 East Club Blvd.  
(call 560-4611 for operating hours)

**Woodcroft Shopping Center**  
off Hope Valley Rd., near Hwy. 54

Unwrapped phone books only.  
Do not include paper or plastic bags.

**QUESTIONS? Call 560-4185, ext. 248.**







Wherever we go, we seem to leave a lot of waste behind. It's sort of like Hansel and Gretel's bread crumbs. Even when we head to nearby destinations and events, we often leave behind at least a drink cup, napkin, or program. And, since Hansel and Gretel's birds don't come by to eat our drink cups, our waste piles up.

A study of hotel waste found that guests created—and left behind—as little as 1/2 pound of solid waste per day or as much as 28 1/2 pounds, with the higher number reflecting food and beverage waste in hotels with food service. At events such as fairs and expositions, waste assessments vary widely, from less than 1 pound to more than 6 pounds per visitor per day.

And trash is only one of the issues. When we travel, we leave behind other “emissions” as well, such as exhaust from vehicles, expended electricity, and waste water.

Here are some ideas to help you leave behind fewer “waste crumbs”:

- When possible, walk, bike, or use public or shared transportation, such as carpools, vans, shuttle buses, buses, and trains.
- We've said it before—and we'll say it again—fill and take your own reusable water bottle! Same goes for coffee mugs.
- When it comes to business travel, determine whether the trip is necessary. Could a phone call do the trick? Could you plan meetings so that you travel once a month instead of once a week?
- While you're out, expend less energy and create less waste at home by stopping delivery of the daily paper and turning down the thermostat.
- When you travel, treat the space as you

would your own home. Turn off the lights when you leave your room (whether it is a hotel room or the guest room in someone's house). Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Don't take flyers, brochures, and other papers that you won't read and will throw away. Shop with a reusable canvas tote bag and say “no thanks” to plastic store bags.

- Learn about sustainable travel. The idea behind this is that a place should not be a lot worse as a result of your visit! Sustainable tourism includes supporting the local economy of your destination by purchasing from locally owned businesses, as well as using as little energy and creating as little waste as possible during your stay.
- Consider ecotourism. An ecotourist seeks out interesting destinations that promote a greater appreciation of the natural world and its inhabitants. The result of ecotourism is often a renewed interest in conservation—at home and away. As you begin to plan spring and summer vacations, consider ecotourism destinations.
- Make your voice heard. Complete surveys and fill out comment cards. Call toll-free customer service numbers. Event planners, hotel operators, airport authorities, and others won't know that you favor reuse and recycling unless you tell them.
- If you are planning an event or conference, make it “green” by providing and promoting reuse and recycling, as well as planning to minimize other environmental impacts, such as energy use, harmful air emissions from vehicle transportation, and waste water.

Dondequiera que vamos, parece que dejamos un montón de basura. Por ejemplo, los huéspedes de los hoteles dejan entre 1/2 libra hasta 28 1/2 libras de basura si incluimos las comidas. En ferias y exhibiciones, los visitantes dejan entre una y seis libras al día.

Para eliminar la contaminación podemos: caminar, montar bicicleta, usar el servicio público de transportación, o compartir el viaje con alguien más utilizando los autobuses y trenes. Acostumbre llevar su propia botella de agua o su taza de café para que la pueda volver a usar. Cuando salga de viajes, gaste menos energía y disminuya su basura bajando la temperatura del termostato y solicitando que esos días no le lleven el periódico. Aprenda sobre las prácticas de sustento al viajar, las cuales incluyen apoyar la economía local comprando en negocios locales y usar poca energía y generar la menos basura posible durante su estancia. Considere el ecoturismo que implica visitar lugares que despierten su interés en la conservación de nuestro mundo natural.

## Start your ecotour on the web

The Conference Board's BEST (Business Enterprises for Sustainable Travel)

[www.sustainabletravel.org](http://www.sustainabletravel.org)

Conservation International

[www.conservation.org](http://www.conservation.org) (Click on “Conservation Programs” and then “Ecotourism”)

Green Hotels Association

[www.greenhotels.com](http://www.greenhotels.com)

Green Hotel Initiative

[www.ceres.org/our\\_work/ghi.htm](http://www.ceres.org/our_work/ghi.htm)

The International Ecotourism Society

[www.ecotourism.org](http://www.ecotourism.org)

Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics

[www.leavenotrace.org](http://www.leavenotrace.org)

Southeast Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition's “Be Smart”

[www.besmart.org/festival/index.html](http://www.besmart.org/festival/index.html)

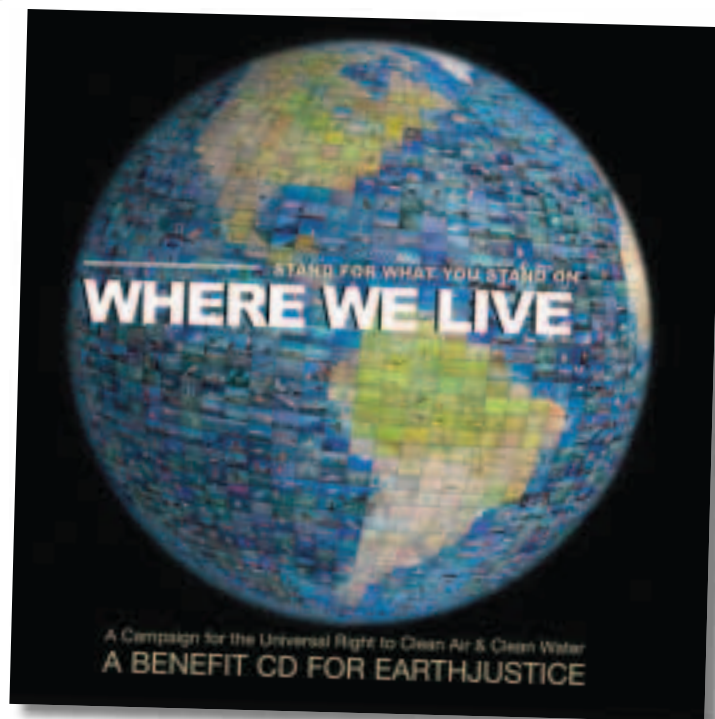
Tour Operators Initiative for Sustainable Tourism Development

[www.toinitiative.org/index.htm](http://www.toinitiative.org/index.htm)

United Nations Environment Programme, Production & Consumption Branch, Tourism

[www.uneptie.org/pc/tourism/](http://www.uneptie.org/pc/tourism/)

## Stand for what you stand on



Rubén Blades, Norah Jones, Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, Lou Reed, and Bob Dylan are some of the artists who recorded tracks for the new CD *Where We Live: Stand For What You Stand On*. Sales of this CD support a campaign by the same name for universal clean air and water.

Earthjustice, a non-profit environmental law firm that was founded in 1971, designed *Where We Live*, which focuses on the people most affected by air and water that are not clean and safe. In creating a benefit CD to support the project, Earthjustice wanted the songs to reflect a concern for people and the environment they share.

For details, visit [www.wherewelive.org](http://www.wherewelive.org).

Rubén Blades, Norah Jones, Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, Lou Reed y Bob Dylan son algunos de los artistas quienes han grabado el nuevo CD *Donde Vivimos: Defiende lo que Crees*. Los réditos que se obtengan de la venta de este CD serán destinados a una campaña de justicia a la tierra, que lleva el mismo nombre, para limpiar el aire y el agua universales. Para más detalles, visite [www.wherewelive.org](http://www.wherewelive.org).



# Tote and re-tote

How many of you carry a briefcase, tote, messenger bag, or backpack to work or school every day? Probably quite a few. Chances are that bag has been with you for quite some time—or will be, if it is new. Now consider how much waste you would create each year if, at the end of each day, you threw away (or recycled) your bag and used a brand-new one the next day. It would be quite a bit of waste, wouldn't it? And, very wasteful.

In effect, this is what we do when we ship products in containers or pouches that are designed for a single use before heading to the recycling bin or trash can. And while many of these containers, especially corrugated boxes and wood pallets are recycled, far too many are not. There is a better way—reusable containers.

Reusable containers are a type of reusable transport packaging, which includes bins, bags, boxes, crates, cushioning, pallets, pallet covers, and racks. When empty, the most efficient reusable containers are easy to stack, nest, or collapse for storage and return shipping.

When these containers are feasible, they offer many benefits. First, they reduce long-term, per-package costs. While reusable containers are



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more expensive at the outset, they last longer, require

replacement less often, and, as a result, cost much less on a per-trip basis. Because reusable packaging is often stiffer and sturdier than its non-reusable counterpart, the shipping process causes less damage to the goods inside. The containers save time because box cutting and debris removal are eliminated. By standardizing containers and shipping materials and cutting back on workplace debris, employee injuries are less likely. Of course, reusable containers and packaging reduce disposal costs, as well.

There are several websites devoted to reusable packaging issues. For more information, check these out:

[www.reusablepackaging.org/](http://www.reusablepackaging.org/)  
[www.moea.state.mn.us/transport](http://www.moea.state.mn.us/transport)  
[www.returnables.com](http://www.returnables.com)  
[www.better-way.info](http://www.better-way.info)  
[www.rpcc.us](http://www.rpcc.us)

Cuando utilizamos recipientes de envío que están diseñados para ser usados sólo una vez y están destinados a terminar en la basura, estamos en realidad desperdiciando un montón de material. Aunque muchos de estos productos, especialmente las cajas de cartón corrugado y los lingetes de madera son reciclables, hay muchos otros que no lo son. Hay una mejor manera de hacer esto — utilice cajas y paquetes que se puedan volver a usar.

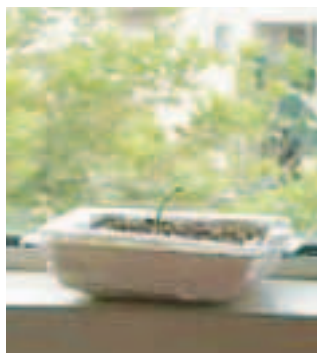
Los recipientes reusables son un tipo de empaque transportable que incluye: cajones, bolsas, cajas, canastas, almohadillas, lingetes, cubiertas de lingetes y anaqueles. Lo maravilloso de este tipo de recipientes es que una vez que se encuentran vacíos pueden apilarse, doblarse y almacenarse fácilmente para ser regresados a su destino de origen.

Cuando estos recipientes son usados, reducen a largo plazo los costos de empaque y causan menos daños a la mercancía que transportan, eliminando tener que cortar cajas y limpiar basura al llegar a su destino. Lo más importante es que eliminan los riesgos de que algún empleado se lastime. El uso de recipientes y empaques reusables también reducen los costos de deshacerse de la basura.

## The Cradle-to-Cradle Design Challenge

Last summer, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Solid Waste, in cooperation with McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry, issued the "Cradle-to-Cradle Design Challenge," targeting the typical e-commerce package shipped from a distribution center to a customer. The package needed to be able to re-enter either the organic waste stream through composting or the existing reuse, repair, recycling system.

The winners were "The Bevelope," a beveled paper package that is reusable, recyclable (with paper-board), and compostable, and "KNF" (Keep it Nature Friendly), a reusable and compostable container that can become a planter (seeds included) after delivery.



## Here comes the sun



In late 2002, the White House was topped with panels that provide solar-electric power to supplement power needs at the facility's primary maintenance building and two solar-thermal systems that provide hot water and heat to the pool and spa. With this project, the White House joins many other federal buildings that are using energy and resources more sustainably.

More than 116 federal buildings have earned an "Energy Star" label for their energy efficiency efforts. In fact, federal buildings have reduced their energy intensity by 23 percent since 1985 and, at the same time, cut their emissions by an amount equal to removing 2.1 million cars a year from America's roadways. Another eight buildings have been certified for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), a program of the U.S. Green Building Council, and 60 more are seeking this certification.

Meanwhile, "PenRen," the massive renovation project underway at the Pentagon, is using a universal space plan to reduce materials waste by incorporating modular and reusable components, which provide access to daylight and the outdoors and still meet the security needs of the occupants and the information they handle.

Over the life cycle of these buildings, sustainability initiatives are saving taxpayers money, conserving energy, relying more heavily on renewable, non-polluting energy sources, and placing less burden on the environment.

La Casa Blanca ha instalado unos tableros que proveen energía eléctrica solar para suplementar el consumo de electricidad en el edificio de las facilidades primarias y dos sistemas solares térmicos que surten agua caliente y calefacción a la piscina y al spa. Con este proyecto, la Casa Blanca une sus esfuerzos a los de más de 100 edificios federales que están usando energía y recursos que son más sostenibles.

"PenRen," el proyecto masivo de renovación que se está llevando a cabo en el Pentágono, está reduciendo el desperdicio de materiales incorporando componentes modulares y reusables, permitiendo el acceso a la luz del día y al intemperie, aún cumpliendo con las necesidades de seguridad del Pentágono.

A lo largo de la vida de estos edificios, estas iniciativas de sustento están ahorrando a los contribuyentes dinero, conservando energía y confiando más en recursos renovables, que no contaminen y que protejan el ambiente.

## Be wise about your waste

WasteWise is a free, voluntary program that helps organizations, such as businesses, industries, schools, and hospitals, eliminate waste, benefitting their bottom lines and the environment. Since WasteWise began in 1994, more than 1,100 organizations have made the commitment to reduce their solid waste.

WasteWise focuses on three areas: waste reduction, reuse/recycling, and buying recycled-content products. Partners have access to a host of helpful publications, as well as a toll-free helpline, a mentoring representative, and an online discussion forum.

In 2003, the Small Business Partner of the Year was Aaron's Bicycle Repair, a Seattle, Wash. shop that recycles more than 80 percent of its waste. Owner Aaron Goss even recycles his employees' lunch waste—taking it home to compost or feed to his chickens. Aaron's website, [www.rideyourbike.com](http://www.rideyourbike.com), proudly proclaims "Conserve Oil!"—by hopping on your bike (we presume)! Even though Aaron uses a computer and many other high-tech tools, his shop also has some retro features, such as a rotary dial telephone, a hand-operated floor pump for tires, and an old-fashioned pencil sharpener on the wall. In other words, old stuff that still works just fine!

Whether you work for a huge national company, a local park, or a small repair shop, WasteWise can help you. For information about becoming a WasteWise partner, visit [www.epa.gov/wastewise](http://www.epa.gov/wastewise).

WasteWise (Desperdicio Sabio) es un programa voluntario gratuito que ayuda a las organizaciones, tales como negocios, industrias, escuelas y hospitales a eliminar desperdicios, obteniendo beneficios económicos y protegiendo al ambiente. WasteWise tiene tres áreas principales: reducción de basura, reuso/reciclaje, y la compra de productos hechos de materiales reciclables. Los socios tienen acceso a una serie de publicaciones informativas, así como a una línea telefónica gratuita, un consejero y foros de discusión a través del internet.

Para más información sobre como puede hacerse socio, visite [www.epa.gov/wastewise](http://www.epa.gov/wastewise).





## Who's cleaning up the mess?

Did you know the Department has a division that specializes in identifying and cleaning illegal dumps? The IMPACT Team is headed by Mitch Archer. He can be reached at 919-560-4974. In addition to illegal dumps, they also remove graffiti and mow lawns at abandoned properties.



**Pictured is the IMPACT Team (left to right), Rufus "Doc" Hill, Daryl Nicholson, Sam Brown, Lamont White, and Raheem E. Robinson (not pictured: Manager Mitch Archer).**

El Departamento tiene una división que especializa a identificar y limpiar descarga de basura ilegales. Ellos también quitan graffiti y cortan céspedes en propiedades abandonadas.

## Automated collection expands to more neighborhoods

In May of 2001, the Department of Solid Waste Management introduced fully automated waste collection to the residents of Durham. Fully automated collection is a technologically advanced waste collection system that employs a specially fitted trash truck. The operator uses a set of controls inside the truck cab to operate a mechanical arm that lifts, dumps, and returns the standard 90-gallon roll-out trash cart to the curb.

Fully automated waste collection has several advantages over traditional waste collection methods. One automated vehicle operator can do the same work of the conventional rear loader semi-automated vehicle that uses a driver and two collectors. The fully automated program helps to keep staffing levels low, increase productivity, and reduce job-related injuries.

We have recently expanded fully automated collection to additional neighborhoods, including Parkwood, Audubon Park, Old Farm, Glenn Stone, Summer Meadows, Denfield Street, Camberly Place, and Carpenter Pointe. While the truck servicing your community may change, your garbage cart will not. However, if



your garbage is collected on an automated route, it is important that any overflow of garbage is placed in a single garbage bag ON TOP of your garbage cart and not beside it. If you live in any of the affected communities, call us to receive a brochure detailing the change at 919-560-4185.

## La Colección Automatizada

Muchos vecindarios en Durham, como Parkwood, reciben colección de basura completamente automatizada. En estas áreas, si toda su basura no alcanza en su carreta, bolsas extra se deben colocar encima de su carreta y no al lado.

## Year in Review

2003 was a great year for the Waste Reduction Division of the Department of Solid Waste Management. Here is a quick recap of the Division's activities and accomplishments.

In April, the City sponsored two *Spring Clean* events where residents could get rid of household junk and debris for free at the Waste Disposal & Recycling Center. Additionally, thousands of pounds of reusable materials (electronics, exercise equipment, clothes, household appliances, etc.) were swapped by residents and diverted from the landfill. The Department was a major sponsor of last spring's Durham Earth Day Festival that took place on April 26 at the Historic Durham Athletic Park. Also in the spring, staff revamped the DIVERT business recognition program and updated the Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan, as mandated by the State. Public meetings were held to get input from residents about their ideas to help Durham reduce its waste before the final draft was submitted to the state.

Seven successful *Waste Less Fests* were held throughout the year and an increasing number of Durham residents are composting at home using backyard compost bins that the Department sells. Mayor Bell designated Durham Recycles Week for November 9-15, and it was a week set aside to celebrate Durham's accomplishments when it comes to waste reduction and recycling initiatives and also to provide more information to residents about the City's programs. Many residents entered the raffle for recycled-content

prizes and won Frisbees, compost bins, and recycling carts. Also in the fall, a permanent collection site for mixed paper was added to the Festival Shopping Center's existing recycling drop-off center (located at 3457 Hillsborough Rd., next to Kroger).

Between January and October of 2003, over 10,100 tons of material were recycled through the curbside and drop-off collection programs.

Exciting changes for 2004 include the expansion of the Recycling in the Parks and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection programs. Stay tuned! Visit [www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/solid](http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/solid) for updates. Thank you for recycling and participating in our programs!

Muchas cosas emocionantes sucedieron en el año pasado en el Departamento de Dirección de Deshechos Sólidos. Nuestra Spring Clean permitió a residentes de disponer y cambiar artículos sin ninguna carga. La asistencia en nuestro *Waste Less Fests* crece. Más personas están haciendo abono con desechos del jardín. La "Earth Day Festival" y "Durham Recycles Week" eran mucha diversión. Algunas personas ganaron premios en esos eventos y todos se divertieron. Gracias para reciclar y tomando parte en nuestros programas.

Mixed paper collection has been added to the Festival Shopping Center recycling drop-off center located next to Kroger at 3457 Hillsborough Rd.

## The Four Steps to Curbside Recycling

### 1. Obtain A Recycling Bin

Your first bin is free. If you are a new resident, your first recycling bin will be delivered with your trash cart. Otherwise, call us to receive your first bin. Additional bins may be purchased, or you may simply use any sturdy, waterproof container that is comparable in size and weight to a recycling bin.

### 2. Properly Prepare Your Recyclables

Make sure that the recyclables have been rinsed, flattened (if possible), have no lids, and are NOT bundled or bagged. Corrugated cardboard must be broken down into 3-by-3 foot pieces.

### 3. Place Recyclables In Your Bin For Recycling

Acceptable items include: Aluminum Cans, Foil, & Pie Tins; Steel Cans; Glass Bottles and Jars; Plastic Bottles marked with numbers 1, 2, 5, & 7; Aseptic Containers (such as juice boxes and soy milk containers); Gable-top Beverage Containers (such as orange juice and milk containers); Plastic Six-pack Rings; White Office Paper;

Colored Office Paper; Corrugated Cardboard; Newspaper including inserts; and Glossy Magazines and Catalogs.

The following items should *NEVER* be placed in your curbside bin: pizza boxes, plastic or paper bags, cereal boxes, junk mail, mixed paper, telephone books, plastic toys, and plastic tubs or jars.

### 4. Place Your Bin At The Curb

Place your bin 3 feet from your trash cart by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Recycling is collected on the same day as your trash. Once your bin has been serviced, please take it back to your home.

Reciclaje es GRATIS! Usted puede obtener un cajón de reciclaje azul sin ninguna carga. Usted puede toma parte en el programa sin ninguna carga. Y es la ley que usted recicle! Si usted no tiene un cajón del reciclaje, llama nuestra oficina en 919-560-4185, ext. 252 para obtener uno.

**Tenemos a dos personas en la oficina que hablan español, Abdul Farrakhan y Josephine Valencia. Si usted necesita ayuda en el español, hable con uno de ellos.**

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## Waste Less Fests set for 2004

In 2004, there will be six *Waste Less Fests*, the second Saturday of every other month starting in January. These events are the result of a cooperative effort between the City departments of Environmental Resources and Solid Waste Management and TFC Recycling, the City's recycling contractor. At these events, you can recycle mixed paper, exchange a broken recycling bin for a free replacement, buy an additional bin for only \$5, buy a compost bin, and/or exchange your showerhead for a free low-flow water-and money-saving alternative (or buy one for only \$3). The events are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at recycling drop-off centers, which are located in parking lots.

January 10	Oxford Commons Shopping Center, 3500 N. Roxboro Road, in front of Wal-Mart
March 13	Woodcroft Shopping Center, off Hope Valley Road, near Highway 54
May 8	Festival Shopping Center, 3457 Hillsborough Road, next to Kroger
July 10	Village Shopping Center, 1100 N. Miami Boulevard, beside the Post Office
September 11	Firestone at South Square, corner of University and Westgate Drives
November 13	Northgate Mall, off Guess Road, behind Office Max

En los *Waste Less Fests*, usted puede reciclar sus papeles mezclado, cambiar su recipiente de reciclaje roto por uno nuevo, intercambiar su regadera de ducha por una con bajo flujo o comprar uno por \$3, comprar un recipiente para hacer abono por \$32, y también se puede inscribir para el servicio de reciclaje del desecho de jardín. Cada evento son de las 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.